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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. THE ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS THE DOMINANT STORY IN THE MAY 22 TURKISH PRESS, WITH ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE DELEGATES' ARRIVAL STATEMENTS, THE PROGRAM FOR THE CENTO MEETING AND SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT THE SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS IN HIS BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS. FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF HEADLINES FROM SOME LEADING DAILIES:

-. MODERATELY-LEFTISH GUMHURIYET : "DEMIREL AND KISSINGER
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WILL CONCLUDE THE BARGAINING ON THE ARMS EMBARGO."

B. LIBERAL MILLIYET: "CENTO MINISTERIAL OPENS TODAY -- KISSINGER SAID 'THE U. S. WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS ALLIES'."

C. MASS-CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN: "KISSINGER, WHO ARRIVED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY EVENING TO ATTEND THE CENTO MEETING, SAID: 'I WILL DISCUSS CYPRUS, THE ARMS EMBARGO AND BILATERAL SUBJECTS.'"

D. CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN: "CENTO FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE MEETING IN ANKARA TODAY. BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE U. S. AND BETWEEN TURKEY AND IRAN WILL BE HELD. KISSINGER SAID: 'AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS ALLIES WITH STRENGTH AND UNDERSTANDING.'"

E. PRO-JUSTICE PARTY SON HAVADIS: "CENTO MINISTERS ARE MEETING IN ANKARA TODAY."R

F. PRO-REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY BARIS: "FOUR GUEST FOREIGN MINISTERS ARRIVED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY. THE CENTO MINISTERIAL OPENS. DURING THE MEETINGS THE TURKISH-GREEK DISPUTE IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN UP ALONG WITH CENTO PROBLEMS."

G. SOCIALIST YENI ORTAM: "EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE. POLICE BEAT UP YOUTHS PROTESTING KISSINGER."

2. NILUFER YALCIN, PROMINENT ANKARA CORRESPONDENT FOR MILLIYET, WROTE THAT THE CURRENT TALKS IN ANKARA WOULD BE CONCERNED MORE WITH CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN THAN WITH CENTO MATTERS. THE SECRETARY CANNOT RPT NOT EXPECT A VERY WARM RECEPTION IN ANKARA, SHE CONTINUED, IN VIEW OF THE ONE-VOTE MARGIN IN THE SENATE ON THE SCOTT-MANSFIELD BILL AND THE REPORTED ASSERTION BY REPRESENTATIVE BRADEMAs THAT THE BILL WOULD BE REJECTED IN THE HOUSE.

3. CUMHURIYET SPECULATED THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD DEMAND CONCESSIONS FROM THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO HELP PASSAGE OF THE MILITARY AID BILL IN THE HOUSE. FURTHERMORE, ACCORDING TO CUMHURIYET AND GUNAYDIN, BOTH THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT AND "FOREIGN QUARTERS" ARE TRYING TO PERSUADE THE OPPOSITION REPUB- UNCLASSIFIED

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LICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) TO FOLLOW A MODERATE POLICY WHILE THE TALKS ON THE AEGEAN AND CYPRUS ARE CONTINUING. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE PRESS REPORTED THAT THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE BREAK-FAST WITH RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT AND BBC COMMENTATOR ANDREW MANGO HAS ALSO HAD CONTACTS IN ANKARA FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

A. MEHMET BARLAS (WHO JUST RESIGNED AS TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS DIRECTOR) WROTE IN GUNAYDIN THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IS IN ANKARA ONCE AGAIN, BUT IS NO LONGER THE POWERFUL MAN HE ONCE WAS. BARLAS WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY MAY ASK ECEVIT TO AGREE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS CONCESSIONS, AND IF ECEVIT AGREES TO REMAIN SILENT THE SECRETARY WILL HAVE ACHIEVED HIS GOAL.

B. AN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL IN GUNAYDIN SAID THAT THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT CANNOT RPT NOT GO BEYOND THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH BY THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT ON CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN.

C. YASAR AYSEV (BARIS) SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAS COME TO ANKARA TO ENCOURAGE A CONTINUATION OF THE TURKISH-GREEK DIALOGUE AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS. HE ALSO SPECULATED THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT GO TO ATHENS AFTER ANKARA.

D. LUTFI BALLISOY (SON HAVADIS), NOTING THE SENATE'S PASSAGE OF THE BILL LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO, SAID THAT THE U.S. SHOULD NOT RPT NOT USE THE EMBARGO AS A PRESSURE TACTIC IN THE ONGOING TURKISH-GREEK TALKS.

E. AHMET KAHRAMAN (YENI ORTAM) CRITICIZED THE U. S. FOR THE ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY AND ASKED WHAT CONCESSIONS THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN SO THAT THE U. S. SENATE WOULD PASS THE BILL LIFTING THE EMBARGO.
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